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OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE BOARD ARISING FROM OR RELATED TO REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES OF ITS SUBSIDIARY AND OTHER BODIES

Future meetings on iron ore

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. At its third session, in October 1989, the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Iron Ore, established pursuant to a recommendation by the Fourth Preparatory Meeting on Iron Ore in October 1985, adopted the following recommendation:-

> "The Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Iron Ore at its third session, taking into account the agreement in paragraph 75 of the Final Act of UNCTAD VII that "where appropriate and feasible, producer-consumer consultations and co-operation should be enhanced, strengthened or established", recommends to the Trade and Development Board that UNCTAD's work on iron ore should be maintained and that regular intergovernmental meetings of experts should be convened, with the participation of industry advisers, to exchange views on the iron ore situation and to review and enhance iron ore statistics".

The Intergovernmental Group of Experts also agreed on substantive items for inclusion in the provisional agenda for the next meeting on iron ore.

2. In the light of the above recommendation, the Board might wish to decide that UNCTAD's work on iron ore should be maintained and that regular intergovernmental meetings of experts should be convened, with the participation of industry advisers, to exchange views on the iron ore situation and to review and enhance iron ore statistics.

3. Such meetings would be set against the existing provision in the calendar for "Commodity Conferences and other commodity meetings".

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Review of the calendar of meetings

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. At the first part of its thirty-sixth session, the Trade and Development Board approved the calendar of meetings for 1990 and took note of the draft calendar for 1991 (decision 378 (XXXVI)).

2. The present note contains suggestions for adjustments in the calendar of meetings for the remainder of 1990, and a tentative schedule of meetings for 1991.

A. Calendar of meetings for the remainder of 1990

Consultations relating to the Review Conference on a Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conference

The fourteenth session of the Committee on Shipping is scheduled to be held from 21 to 29 June. It is suggested that the above-mentioned consultations should be scheduled immediately following that session, on 2-3 July 1990.

Ad hoc Intergovernmental Group of Port Experts on the Development, Improvement and Operation of Ports

This meeting had originally been scheduled from 17 to 21 September. However, an International Conference on Safety in the Port Environment is to be held at Bremen, Federal Republic of Germany, on those same dates.

Accordingly it is proposed that this meeting be held one week later, i.e. from 24 to 28 September 1990.

Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, twentieth session

At the eighteenth session of the Working Party, the Chairman stated that it had been agreed that the October 1990 (twentieth) session of the Working Party could be dispensed with, and that implications for the periodicity of the secretariat reporting on technical co-operation could be discussed further at the February (nineteenth) session.

Accordingly, the session foreseen to be held from 15 to 19 October 1990 will be deleted from the calendar.

Meetings on Iron Ore and Tungsten

The Board has before it a note by the UNCTAD secretariat (TD/B/L/889) pointing to a recommendation by the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Iron Ore at its third session in October 1989, to the effect that "UNCTAD's work on iron ore should be maintained and that regular intergovernmental meetings of experts should be convened, with the participation of industry advisers, to exchange views on the iron ore situation and to review and enhance iron ore statistics". At the same session, the Group of Experts had proposed that the next intergovernmental meeting of experts on iron ore should be held, if possible, from 22 to 24 October 1990 (TD/B/1235, para. 17). In making this proposal, the Group had taken into consideration the fact that the Steel Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe is scheduled to meet in Geneva from 24 to 26 October 1990.

The Committee on Tungsten at its twenty-first session in December 1989 recommended to the Trade and Development Board that the meetings of the Committee on Tungsten and the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Iron Ore be held in conjunction with each other. The Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Iron Ore could meet on the last three working days of one week, with the Committee on Tungsten meeting the following week for five days. Should the need arise, the report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Iron Ore could be adopted during the second week, at a specially convened meeting. (TD/B/C.1/307-TD/B/C.1/TUNGSTEN/82, para. 69)

The Board may wish to review these various recommendations with a view to establishing a timetable for the two meetings.

Review Conference of the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences

Resolution I of the Review Conference of the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences provides for the convening of a resumed session of the Review Conference in Geneva for a duration of three weeks in 1989. In view of the state of consultations among regional groups it would not be feasible to convene the resumed session of the Review Conference until the second half of 1990. The UNCTAD secretariat notes that the most suitable timing from the point of view of conference facilities during that period would be 5-23 November 1990. Arrangements and exact dates will need to be finalized in consultation with regional groups.

Meeting of Governmental Experts on Island Developing Countries and Donor Countries and Organizations (GA resoultion 43/189)

In order to ensure maximum possible participation of representatives of island developing countries in this meeting, it has been suggested that it be held in New York rather than Geneva. The concurrence of the Committee on Conference of the General Assembly is being sought for such a change of venue. Should the meeting be held in New York, it would be held one week earlier, i.e. from 25 to 29 June 1990.

B. Draft calendar of meetings for 1991

Special Committee on Preferences, eighteenth session

In order to allow more time for the preparation of documentation, it is suggested that the eighteenth session of the Special Committee on Preferences, previously assigned the dates 8-16 April 1991, should now be scheduled from 20 to 28 May 1991.

Committee on Manufactures, thirteenth session

In order to allow more time for the preparation of documentation, it is suggested that the thirteenth session of the Committee on Manufactures, previously assigned the dates 31 October - 8 November 1991, should now be scheduled from 21 to 29 November 1991.

ANNEX

A. Calendar of meetings for the remainder of 1990[1/]

	Date
INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, 7th session [2/]	26 March-6 April
INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS ON RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES, 9th session [3/]	23-27 April
Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT, 23rd session [4/]	23-27 April
COMMITTEE ON INVISIBLES AND FINANCING RELATED TO TRADE, 13th session, second part (Financing related to trade)	30 April - 8 May
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PREFERENCES, 17th session	14-22 May
COMMITTEE ON SHIPPING, 14th session	21-29 June
Meeting of Governmental Experts of Island Developing Countries and Donor Countries and Organizations (A/RES/43/189)	2-6 July[5/]

1/ Meetings marked with an asterisk are deductible from the provision for "Working parties, study groups and expert groups". Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings will be held in Geneva. All meetings listed are subject to a written notification, which is normally dispatched 6 weeks before the opening date.

2/ Acting as the Preparatory Committee for the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (GA resolution 42/177)

3/ Acting as the Preparatory Committee for the Second United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices (GA resolution 41/167).

4/ Listed for information.

5/ This meeting may be held in New York and rescheduled to 25-29 June 1990, subject to the concurrence of the Committee on Conferences.

A. Calendar of meetings for the remainder 1990
(continued)

	Date
Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (GA resolution 42/177) 6/	3-14 September (Paris)
Ad hoc Intergovernmental Group of Port Experts on the Development, Improvement and Operation of Ports* (resolution 61 (XIII) of the Committee on Shipping)	24-28 September
TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, 37th session, first part	1-12 October
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Iron Ore*, fourth session	[22-24 October]
WORKING GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING LEGISLATION, 12th session	22-30 October
Working Party on Diversification, Processing, Marketing and Distribution, including Transportation*, 3rd session (Agreed conclusions 24 (XI) and 25 (XIII) of the Committee on Commodities, and paragraph 85 of the Final Act of UNCTAD VII)	5-9 November
COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES, 14th session	12-20 November
Second United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices (GA resolution 41/167)	26 November-7 December
COMMITTEE ON TUNGSTEN, 22nd session	[10-14 December]

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Commodity conferences and other commodity meetings	As required (up to 24 1/2 weeks)
Working parties, study groups and expert groups	As required (up to 10 weeks)

6/ Preceded by two days of pre-conference consultations among senior officials.

B. Draft calendar of meetings for 1991

	Date
COMMITTEE ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, 8th session	21-29 January
WORKING PARTY ON THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN AND THE PROGRAMME BUDGET, 20th session	4-8 February
TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, 37th session, second part	11-22 March
TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, 17th special session (preparations for UNCTAD VIII)	To be determined
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, 6th session	22-30 April
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PREFERENCES, 18th session	[20-28 May]
UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, 8th session 7/	To be determined
WORKING PARTY ON THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN AND THE PROGRAMME BUDGET, 21st session	9-13 September
TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, 38th session, first part	23 September-4 October
INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS ON RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES, 10th session	21-25 October
WORKING GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING LEGISLATION, 13th session	11-19 November
COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURES, 13th session	[21-29 November]
COMMITTEE ON TUNGSTEN, 23rd session	2-6 December

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Commodity conferences and other commodity meetings	As required (up to 25 weeks)
Working parties, study groups and expert groups	As required (up to 12 weeks)

7/ Preceded by two days of pre-Conference consultations among senior officials.